WAR OF 1812

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- Perspectives on the War
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- International Perspectives
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INTRODUCTION

AMERICA'S SECOND WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

KEY FIGURES AND GENERALS

- New Generation of American Generals
  - Andrew Jackson
  - Jacob Brown
  - Winfield Scott
- Presidency Propelled by War of 1812
  - Andrew Jackson
  - John Quincy Adams
  - James Monroe
  - William Henry Harrison

IMPORTANT LEADERS OF THE WAR OF 1812

American Battlefield Trust
https://www.battlefields.org/learn/topics/war-1812-leaders

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- Variety of Material
  - Manuscripts related to the War of 1812
  - Broadsides from the era
  - Pictures depicting events and figures
  - Government documents from the period
- Guide to Digital Materials
  - Links to digital materials related to the War of 1812
  - Available throughout the Library of Congress Web site

https://guides.loc.gov/war-of-1812

PBS.ORG VIDEO

VIDEO RESOURCE

BRITISH PERSPECTIVE

- Canadian Perspective
  - Used to define Canadian identity
- British Perspective
  - Remembered as the year Napoleon marched to Moscow

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

- American Perspective
  - Seen as a victorious 'Second War for Independence'
- Obscurity of the War of 1812
  - Despite extensive documentation, it remains little known
  - Average American lacks awareness of the war's reasons and enemy

https://www.pbs.org/video/wned-tv-history-war-1812/

US CONGRESSIONAL DOCUMENTS AND DEBATES

- Mission of the Library of Congress
  - Make resources available to Congress and the American people
  - Sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge
  - Promote creativity for future generations
- Disclaimer on Collections
  - Views expressed in collections are not endorsed by the Library
  - Materials may contain offensive content
- Search for Ancestors
  - House Journal (full text)
  - Senate Journal (full text)
  - Statutes at Large
  - Use quotes to encapsulate full names for ancestors.

https://www.ancestryacademy.com/ancestors-family-and-associates-in-the-war-of-1812-records

RECORDS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (NARA)

- Adjutant General's Office
  - RG 94
- Veteran's Administration
  - RG 15
- Naval Records Collection
  - RG 45
- U.S. Marine Corps
  - RG 127
- General Land Office
  - RG 49
- Department of State
- House of Representatives
- Senate

PENSION INDEXES

- Fold3
  - Website: https://www.fold3.com/
  - Link: https://www.fold3.com/browse/h1Tev3Z8s
- Ancestry
  - Search: 'War of 1812' in Card Catalogue
- FamilySearch
  - Collection: https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1916219
- Old War Pension Index
  - Wars before 1861
  - Collection: https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1979425
- Remarried Widows Index
  - Check soldiers, widows maiden and/or married names
  - https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1979426

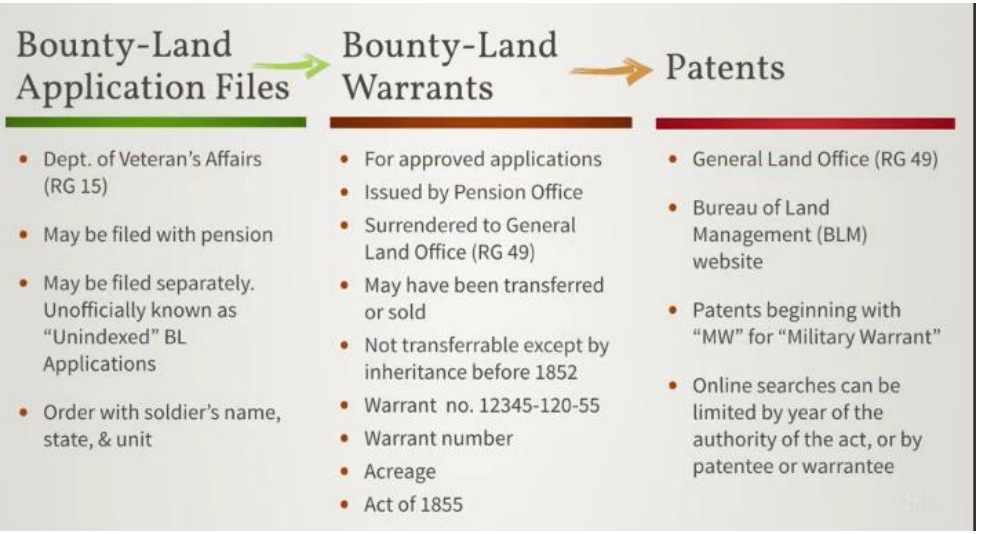
NAVAL AND MARINE SERVICE RECORDS

- Abstracts of Service Records
  - Found at the National Archives (M330)
  - Records span from 1798-1893
  - Includes 19 rolls, Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel RG24
  - Volumes D and E
- Records of the US Marine Corps
  - RG 127
  - Comprehensive card indexes for officers and enlisted men
  - Serving before 1900
- Pension and Bounty Land Application Files
  - Best sources for ascertaining naval service
  - Includes Navy and Marine Corps

Family Search US Navy: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Navy

BOUNTY-LAND RECORDS

- Acts of 1850 and 1855
  - Allowed veterans to apply for Bounty-Land Warrants
- Act of 1850
  - 9 Mo. Service (160 Acres)
  - 4 Mo. Service (80 Acres)
  - 1 Mo. Service (40 Acres)
- Act of 1855
  - Minimum award = 160 Acres
  - Required 14 days service or travel of 1,200 miles
- Bounty-Land Patent Records
- Example of Military Warrant Search
- Library of Congress Digital Collections



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Patent numbers are different from Warrant numbers (look for "MW" for Military Warrant)

Example: **MW-0110-363** verses **IL0540__.142**

For the Military Warrant, go to the BLM Search feature and select the "Search Documents by Identifier". Under "Patent Identifiers" you want to select "Accession #" and click on the pull down menu where it may say "Serial Patent". From the pull down list, select "Military Warrant". You should see to the right of the list a text box with "MW" as the prefix. Enter the identifier "0110-363" shown above. Click on the Search button. Results should show the documents for the Military Warrant.

- For the other example: IL0540__.142 much like the military warrant, follow the instructions under "Search Documents by Identifier" and select "Accession #". Then select the "Serial Patent" and from the pull down list, select "State Volume". To the right then enter in the text box "IL0540__.142" and push the search button at the bottom of the page. The result should be the documents from the State where the land was registered.

- (https://glorecords.blm.gov/default.aspx)

MILITARY WARRANT EXAMPLE MW-0110-363

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT General Land Office Records

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Document Identifier

Patent Identifiers

- (●) Accession #: Military Warrant — MW - 0110-363
- ( ) BLM Serial Nr:

Survey Identifier

- ( ) Survey DM ID:

Land Status Record Identifier

- ( ) LSR DM ID:

Control Document Index Identifier

- ( ) CDI Doc ID:

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Accession Nr: MW-0110-363 **Document Type:** Military Warrant **State:** Minnesota **Issue Date:** 4/1/1861 **Cancelled:** No

Patent Details | Patent Image | Related Documents | Printer Friendly

Names On Document

P ACKERMAN, BALTHASAR,
P BRYANT, JOHN W,
W WILE, EDWARD M

Military Rank:	---

Miscellaneous Information

Land Office:	Henderson
US Reservations:	No
Mineral Reservations:	No
Tribe:	---
Militia:	Us Frigate Potomac Us Navy
State In Favor Of:	---
Authority:	March 3, 1855: ScripWarrant Act of 1855 (10 Stat. 701)
General Remarks:	---

Document Numbers

Document Nr:	86766
Misc. Doc. Nr:	---
BLM Serial Nr:	---
Indian Allot. Nr:	---
Coal Entry. Nr:	---

Survey Information

Total Acres:	160.00
Survey Date:	---
Geographic Name:	---
Metes/Bounds:	No

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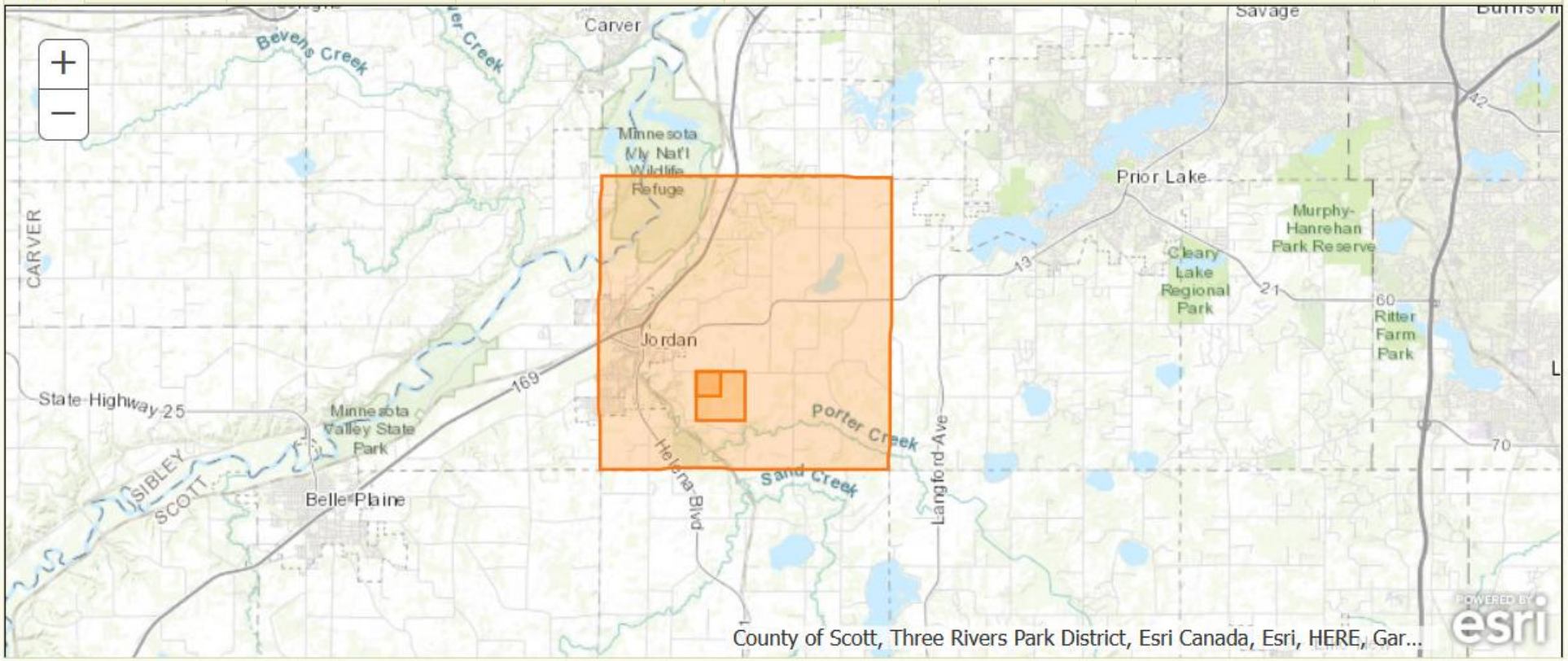
Land Descriptions

Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
☑	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	NW¼	28		Scott



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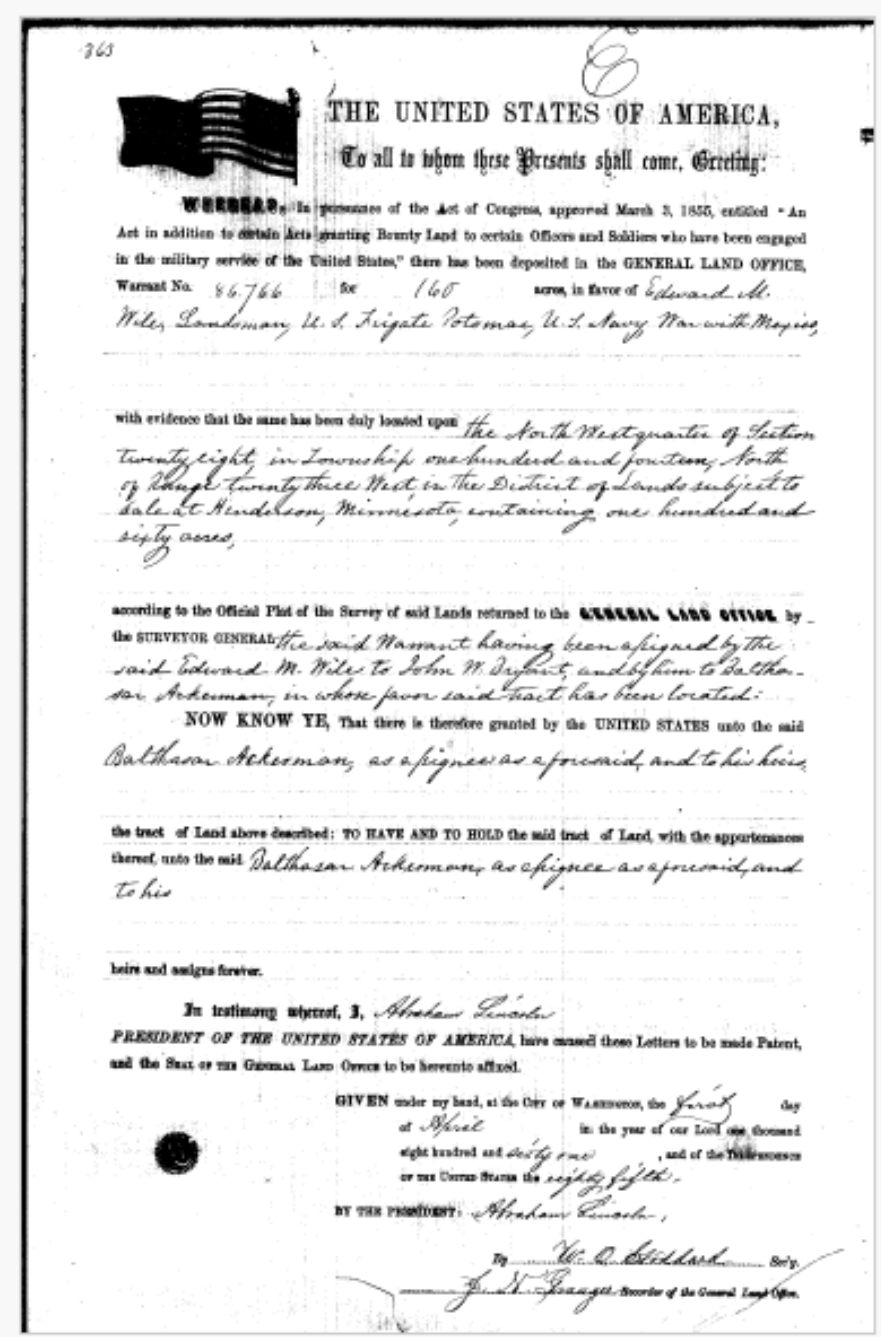
PATENT DOC MW-0110-363



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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 86766 for 160 acres, in favor of Edward M. Wiles, Landsman, U. S. Frigate Potomac, U. S. Navy War with Mexico,

with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the North West quarter of Section twenty eight in Township one hundred and fourteen North of Range twenty three West in the District of Lands subject to sale at Henderson, Minnesota, containing one hundred and sixty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of said Lands returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, the said Warrant having been assigned by the said Edward M. Wiles to John M. Bryant, and by him to Balthasar Ackerman, in whose favor said tract has been located:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Balthasar Ackerman, as assignee as aforesaid, and to his heirs,

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Balthasar Ackerman, as assignee as aforesaid, and to his

heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Abraham Lincoln, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the eighty fifth.

BY THE PRESIDENT: Abraham Lincoln,

By W. D. Beckford Sec'y.

J. N. Granger Recorder of the General Land Office.

RELATED DOCUMENTS MW-0110-363

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Below are documents matching the following ***land description*** from the current document:

MN 5th PM **Township** 114.0N **Range** 23.0W **Section** 28

Patents
Surveys
LSR
CDI
Tract Books

Image	Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	MW-0110-363	P ACKERMAN, BALTHASAR, P BRYANT, JOHN W, W WILE, EDWARD M	4/1/1861	86766	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	NW¼	28	Scott
	MW-0499-162	P BAUMHOFER, FRANZ A, W MYRES, JOHN	9/10/1861	32614	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	N½NE¼	28	Scott
	MW-0499-165	P KLEINGORGE, FREDERICK, P WEYMOUTH, CATHARINE, W WEYMOUTH, HUGH	9/10/1861	50062	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	S½SE¼	28	Scott
							114N - 023W	N½NE¼	33	Scott
	MW-0109-297	P MARTIN, JOSEPH P, W ALMEY, LANGWORTHY	10/1/1860	80278	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	S½NE¼	28	Scott
							114N - 023W	N½SE¼	28	Scott
	MW-0104-034	P ROCDEL, FRANZ, P WALKER, ELIZABETH, W WALKER, WILLIAM N	9/4/1858	30035	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	S½SE¼	29	Scott
							114N - 023W	W½SW¼	28	Scott
	MW-0163-330	P TILL, JOHN P, P JOSEPH, ELIZABETH, W JOSEPH, WILLIAM	6/1/1865	94788	MN	5th PM	114N - 023W	E½SW¼	28	Scott
							114N - 023W	E½NW¼	33	Scott

RECORDS TO BE FOUND IN THE PENSIONS (THINK OF EVIDENCE PROVIDED)

Birth date and place	Bounty land papers
Bible pages	Military service details
Wife's maiden name	Discharge certificate
Marriage date and place	Historical images, photographs
Other spouses	Death date and place
Names of Children	Names of Parents
Decades of residence	Physical description

STATE MILITIAS

- State Archives Collections
  - Large set of collections available
  - Not all records are online
- City Records
  - Some cities maintain their own records
  - Examples include Philadelphia and Baltimore
- State Pensions
  - Offered in a few states
- Prisoner of War Records
  - Might be contained in Pension files
  - War of 1812 prisoners treated under International Law
  - Revolutionary War prisoners treated as criminals or traitors

PRISONER COLLECTIONS IN NARA

- M508: War of 1812 Papers of the Department of State
  - Includes information on British and U.S. Prisoners of war
  - Details on prisoner exchanges
  - 7 reels of microfilm
- M2019: Records Relating to War of 1812 Prisoners of War
  - Lists of clothing delivered to U.S. Prisoners in Canada
  - Details of paroles and deserters
  - 1 reel
- M1707: Index to Records Relating to War of 1812 Prisoners of War
  - Index to M2019
  - Includes soldiers' names, ranks, and occasionally regiment numbers
- Ancestry.com: War of 1812 Records

NATIVE AMERICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN SERVICE AND RECORDS

- Native American Participation
  - Fought on both sides to protect their lands
- African-American Service
  - Served in the US Navy with about 15% representation
  - Received equal pay, quarters, rations, duties, discipline, and punishment as white sailors
- British Recruitment Efforts
  - Attempted to recruit African-American slaves by offering freedom, with little success
- Records and Indexes
  - Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers (M602)
- Pension Records
- Tribes and States
- Searching on Fold3

RECORDS CREATED BY THE WAR OF 1812

Naval Records	Pension Records	Prisoner of War Records
Regular Army Records	Civilian Private Claims	Discharge Papers
Bounty and Applications	Congressional Appeals	Compiled Military Service Records (CMSR)
Bounty-Land Warrants	Lineage Societies	State Muster Rolls & Payrolls
Bounty-Land Patents and Tract Book Entries	National Battlefield Parks	

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

- Significance of the War of 1812
  - Confirmed the separate existence of the United States and the future Canada
  - Recognized as a defining moment in Canadian history
- Key Dates
  - War formally began on June 18, 1812
  - Treaty of Ghent signed on December 24, 1814
  - Battle fought at New Orleans on January 8, 1815
- Commemoration Efforts
  - Government of Canada plans to commemorate the event
  - Events bringing Canadians together
- Resources for Further Information
  - Canadian Archives

THE OTHER SIDE – BRITISH AND CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Canadian Archives: http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx

The 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a unique opportunity for all Canadians to take pride in our traditions, and our shared history. The Government of Canada recognizes the War of 1812 as a defining moment in the history of our nation and has big plans to commemorate this event of national and international significance. This commemoration is just one of the many events that are bringing Canadians together and will continue to link us in the years to come.

- https://www.canada.ca/en/library-archives/search.html?q=War%20of%201812

THE OTHER SIDE – BRITISH AND CANADIAN SOLDIERS

The War of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States confirmed the separate existence of the United States and the future Canada. It formally began on June 18, 1812. To end the war, the treaty of Ghent was signed 24 December 1814. However another battle was fought 8 January 1815 at New Orleans.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Great_Britain_in_the_War_of_1812

The War of 1812: from the British Side: http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/the-war-of-1812-from-the-british-side/

- Forces War Records ($$) – Free Search https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk

Important Figures (Both American and British):
https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/1812/figures.aspx

CONCLUSION

- Causes of the War
  - British attempts to restrict U.S. trade
  - Impressment of American seamen by the Royal Navy
  - America's desire to expand its territory
- Major Events
  - U.S. suffered defeats by British, Canadian, and Native American troops
  - Capture and burning of Washington, D.C. in August 1814
  - American victories in New York, Baltimore, and New Orleans
- End of the War
  - Treaty of Ghent ratified on February 17, 1815
  - Unresolved contentious questions
- Impact on National Identity